

"When on the march the Indians do not move great distances in a single day. The lack of good roads, the necessity of crossing swamps and streams, the impediment of young children who must be carried or who cannot walk rapidly, the burden of the gear—the hammocks, the pots, the baskets, the calabashes, the food, etc.—all hinder progress considerably. When lack of food or water forces a band to move, the members usually average not more than 8 or 10 miles a day, and since they stop to rest, hunt, and gather at each camping place, movement of the entire band does not usually take place more often than every 4 or 5 days. Unless there is some definite objective toward which they are traveling, they exhaust the wild life of an area as they travel."

1: Holmberg--42-43
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"While I was living with a band on the march for about 6 weeks during September and October 1941, while they were traveling from a camp site northeast of Yaguarú, Guara-yos, to Tibaera on the Rio Blanco, it took them about a month to travel about a hundred miles. Movement of the entire band took place on the average of every 3 [43] days. There were nine camps between the starting point and the objective, which means that on days when movement took place approximately 10 miles were covered. It is difficult, however, to make any generalizations as to the amount of travel done by a band, since so much depends on the food supply in the area. Some camps may be abandoned within a few days' time, while others may be occupied for more than 6 months. I visited some 50 sites that had been variously occupied and abandoned during the past 20 years."

1: Holmberg--43 [4]

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"On the march the men, with their bows and arrows over their shoulders, go ahead of the women. If game is sighted they temporarily drop their loads and give chase. By the time the next camping place is reached, they have generally killed some animals for the evening meal."